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Injured student continues slow but steady recovery

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A college student from Duxbury who received a serious head injury is recovering at Spaulding Rehabilitation center in Boston.



Greg Polcari

Greg Polcari, of Prior Farm Road, who attends Hartwick College in New York, was hurt as he tried to separate two men fighting outside a bar in the early morning hours of April 4, according to Oneonta Police Chief Joe Redmond. Redmond said Polcari was trying to be "the mediator" when one of the combatants punched him in the face, causing him to fall and strike his head.

He was taken to a local hospital, A.O. Fox Memorial, before being flown to Albany Medical Center, according to a statement from Hartwick.

Polcari remained at Albany Medical Center until Monday, according to a medical blog set up by his family to update loved ones on his condition. In

Albany, he underwent emergency neurosurgery to remove a sub-dural hematoma, his family said. Although the surgery was successful, Polcari was medicated for pain and had to remain in the hospital for a week before being sent to Boston. His left cranial bone has been removed (during surgery to relieve pressure) and will be replaced with a later surgery.

Although he is neurologically intact, he is suffering from some short term memory problems, his family reported.

"Although he does not remember what happened to him last Friday night, he is begin-

ning to accept that he has been seriously injured," his family said. In New York, he was visited by friends and the former DHS lacrosse standout even watched his former teammate Max Quinzani play on ESPN from his hospital bed.

On Monday, Polcari arrived at Spaulding with his exhausted but grateful family.

"He just wants his life back with his friends and his school, and is very concerned about his grades and classes," his family wrote. "Please keep him in your prayers asking God to give him patience, and continued strength, as he fights back to a full recovery."